

Coös County Treasurer

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December 22, 2010

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman **Site Evaluation Committee** N.H. Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

Re: Joint application of a transfer of ownership of a wind farm between Granite Reliable Power, LLC and Brookfield Reliable Power, LLC Under RSA Ch. 162-H

Dear Commissioner Burack:

As an elected official of Coos County I wish to be recorded as an intervener in the above listed transaction. As you know this project is located in one or more unincorporated places in the county. The Coos County Commissioners serve as the selectmen for such land areas and the Coos County Delegation members approve the annual budgets much as town meetings do for organized towns. Under our statutes they are the local government.

Over many years these officials have considered the development of wind farms and at one time there were over 300MW of projected wind power projects in Coos County under consideration at ISO-NE. This Nobel Environmental Power project has had the full support of the County officials and the County Planning Board. As recently as June we felt it was a viable project when the last regulatory permit from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers was issued. In July it was announced construction would begin and by June of 2011 it would be generating power. Now we know that Nobel was restructuring its debt and that apparently led to the decision to sell its interest in the Coos County project.

On December 11, 2010 the County Commissioners and the County Delegation met to do the County's business. At that time the Delegation adopted a resolution endorsed by the Commissioners to support the ownership of the wind farm by Brookfield Reliable Power and I have enclosed a copy of this resolution with this letter.

We are fully aware of other energy projects being proposed in New Hampshire that may impact future decisions relative to more generation capacity at this time. However, it is time to go forward with this wind farm project. It is an opportunity for New Hampshire to see if renewable projects are viable in the Great North Woods. The questions that accompany all such proposals need to be addressed and what could be better then to have a project up and running. We ask that your committee move expeditiously to transfer the permits to the new owner so that construction can begin. We at last have an opportunity to have a wind farm in Coos County that can serve as a model if and when additional projects are proposed. More then anything we need the jobs and the investment. We are especially fortunate to have a company that not only has the funding and the experience in this industry, it is already generating power in our county on the Androscoggin River. It is a neighbor. Also, there must be operational savings when projects are right next door to each other which must be a consideration for everyone.

Thank you and your committee members for all of your time and expertise dedicated to this proposal over the many months. We continue to look forward to participating in the process.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick W. King

Coos County Treasurer.

Enclosure

cc: General Distribution

COOS COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

Coös County Nursing Hospital 136 County Farm Road, W. Stewartstown, NH December 11, 2010

Resolution #3

Effective this 11th day of December 2010, the Coös County Delegation supports the change of ownership of the wind farm in the Unincorporated Places from Noble Environmental Power to Brookfield Renewable Power and request that the County Commissioners support the transfer of any and all regulatory permits which may be necessary to expedite the construction of this project and actively participate in any discussions which may impact a timely transfer.

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